

Wiwa language

Damana (also known as **Malayo**, **Wiwa**, **Arosario**, **Arsario**, **Guamaca**, **Guamaka**, **Maracasero**, **Marocasero**, **Sancá**, **Sanja**, **Sanka**, **Wamaka**)^[3] is a Chibchan language spoken by the indigenous Wiwa people on the southern and eastern slopes of Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in northern Colombia. According to Ethnologue, it was spoken by 1,850 people in 2007;^[3] however, according to the Colombian Ministry of Culture, there were 13,627 Wiwa people in 2010, of whom some 60% speak Damana well.^[4]

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Phonology

Vowels

There are seven phonemic vowels in Damana:

Vowel phonemes

	Front	Central	Back
<u>Close</u>	i	ɨ	u
<u>Mid</u>		ə	o
<u>Open</u>		ɑ	

Consonants

Damana has 19 phonemic consonants:

Damana	
Malayo	
Native to	Colombia
Region	Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta
Native speakers	1,850 (2007) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Chibchan<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arwako–Chimila<ul style="list-style-type: none">Arwako<ul style="list-style-type: none">Damana</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mbp
Glottolog	mala1522 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/mala1522) ^[2]
	

Consonant phonemes

	Labial	Dental/Alveolar		Palatal/Palatalized		Velar		Glottal
<u>Nasal</u>	<u>m</u>	<u>n</u>						
<u>Stop</u>	<u>p</u>	<u>t</u>	<u>d</u>	<u>c</u>	<u>ɟ</u>	<u>k</u>	<u>g</u>	
<u>Fricative</u>		<u>s</u>	<u>z</u>	<u>ɕ</u>	<u>ʝ</u>			<u>h</u>
<u>Flap</u>		<u>r</u>						
<u>Trill</u>		<u>r</u>						
<u>Continuant</u>	<u>w</u>							

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